

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration in view of the arguments set forth fully below. Claims 1-28 were previously pending in this application. Within the Office Action, Claims 1-28 have been rejected. Accordingly, Claims 1-28 are now pending in the application.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Within the Office Action, Claims 1-28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0159109 to Lamkin et al. (hereinafter "Lamkin"). The Applicant respectfully disagrees with this rejection. Lamkin is not prior art to the present application. Lamkin was published on July 20, 2006 and filed on December 16, 2005. The present application was filed on March 18, 2004. Accordingly, the filing date of the present application is before both the filing date and the publication date of Lamkin. For at least these reasons, Lamkin is not prior art and cannot be used to reject the present claims. Accordingly, Claims 1-28 are allowable.

For the reasons given above, the Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-28 are now in a condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, they are encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,
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